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According to a press release from Riley County's ATA Bus service, all services all day Wednesday will be free of charge.

K-State Russian military history expert to present on Chechnya

A news release from the university states that history expert David Stone, professor of military history, will discuss Chechnya during a free presentation this Thursday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in Eisenhower Room 226.

Chechnya, also known as the Chechen Republic, is a republic of Russia in Eastern Europe. The men suspected of carrying out the recent bombings at the Boston Marathon, 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and deceased 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, are brothers immigrated to the United States from Chechnya as refugees.

In light of the bombing and other recent events, according to the release, Stone will discuss the origins of the Chechen conflict, the Russian wars in Chechnya, and ongoing violence in the Eastern European country and its surrounding regions.

Man stabs choir members at Albuquerque church

According to CNN, a man wielding a knife attacked four choir members at a church in

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Hotel central to Aggierville, campus



Courtesy photo

This rendering of the Bluemont Hotel depicts the main entrance of the hotel, located at the northeast corner of Bluemont and Manhattan Avenues, just across from both Aggierville and the K-State campus. The hotel will occupy two-thirds of the city block and is expected to open in the summer of 2014.

Timothy Everson
contributing writer

Local residents may have noticed a change occurring on the northeast corner of Manhattan and Bluemont Avenues. Over the past few weeks, several houses and an apartment complex have been cleared out to make way for the newest addition to the Manhattan hotel scene, the Bluemont Hotel.

The idea for a hotel in that area has been bounced around for the last year and a half. Recently, though, it landed in the hands of Andrew Suber, co-owner and manager of Blue Mountain Capital, who got the ball rolling.

"The hotel has been on our radar for a long time," Suber said. "So we just had to wait out the

"It's good to have another hotel close to campus."

Usha Reddi
Manhattan city commissioner

other companies so we could secure the property.

The hotel is located directly across from both the K-State campus and Aggierville, a location that will be convenient for many visitors and events. City Commissioner Usha Reddi was not on the commission when the hotel was introduced, but she said she feels that the Bluemont Hotel, along with other newly built hotels in Manhattan, fill a need.

"From all indicators, Manhattan's need for hotel space is rising," Reddi said. "We have lots of visitors here who stay for the weekend, and it's good to have another hotel close to campus. I'm not sure what the long term impact is for all the hotels being built, but I assume these businesses have done their research and feel this is the right move for them. Of course, we'll know more in a couple of years."

While the hotel will offer a place for campus visitors to stay, Tim Fitzgerald, editor and publisher of Powercat Illustrated and president of the Aggierville Business Association, said he also sees a lot of promise in the Bluemont Hotel for Aggierville.

"The Bluemont will be very good for Aggierville. I'm really excited," Fitzgerald said. "They will have

100-plus parking spots dedicated to the hotel which means that's 100-plus parking spots dedicated to people that come to Aggierville. If they're staying in that hotel, they're coming to Aggierville."

The hotel, which will span two-thirds of the block, will house 110 rooms, a hotel coffee shop, a rooftop deck and conference area, a bar and several built-in retail establishments that have not been determined at this time.

The hotel is scheduled to open in the summer of 2014, just in time for the 2014-15 K-State football season.

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Timeline available for Union renovation

Nathan Laudan
contributing writer

On April 11, the final votes were tallied and the results were read in regards to the K-State Student Union Renovation. 74.9 percent of students, of 3,351 votes casted, voted in favor of the expansion and renovation of the student union. Now the next steps and actions are being taken and a timeline is starting to

be developed.

The first action piece is to hire an architecture firm. Eli Schooley, student body president and senior in political science, said talks between Pat Bosco, vice-president for student life, and himself have recently taken place to discuss what they are looking for in an architect and what their expected timeline for that will be.

The plan is to start advertising

through national media channels and networks in June and have a firm hired by August.

"One with experience in student unions," Schooley said is the kind of firm they are looking for.

There are two main priorities for the selection of the architecture firm that will be used in the renovation and expansion of the student union.

"We are first looking for a firm that is the best fit for K-State and one that will best serve K-State students, then look for the right price tag as we don't want to cause students anymore expense than necessary," Schooley said.

After a firm has been selected a nine-month process of hearing student input will take place.

"Talking to people around the country, we are unique in that students will have so much say on this project," said Jake Unruh, student body vice-president and junior in finance.

Students will have a chance to be a part of task forces relating to the different functional parts of the student union, as well as go to different hearings and workshop sessions throughout the next year. These sessions are aimed at hearing from different student groups, what they believe needs to be included in the renovations and how best the building can serve students for years to come.

Schooley said one of the goals of this project is to hear from as many students as possible and gather the most amounts of student opinion as possible. This will allow for a union that will best function in service to students.

Each of these task forces will address the different phases of

Theater Delta presents ethical dilemmas in interactive skits



Parker Robb | Collegian
Members of Theater Delta answer questions from the audience during the troupe's interactive performance Monday evening in the Little Theatre in the K-State Student Union.

Jeana Lawrence
staff writer

The Theater Delta group brought a fun and thought-provoking perspective on the discussion of research ethics in graduate studies to the Little Theatre in the K-State Student Union on Monday evening. The group, which traveled from North Carolina, acted out a skit that showed three students facing three ethical dilemmas: plagiarism, giving unauthorized help and omitting lab results.

At the event, audience members were able to interact with the characters and ask them about their choices.

"It was very constructive," said Emilie Guidez, doctoral student in chemistry. "I didn't know about some problems that professors face. I liked that it was interactive instead of just sitting and listening."

Theater Delta was started at the Uni-

versity of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C., by Ben Saypol, who acted as facilitator for the skit. According to the group's website, it is called Theater Delta because the Greek letter for change is the delta symbol, and members are advocating for social change through theater.

The performance began with Soo Jung, played by Jennifer White, and her friend Courtney, played by Lakeisha Coffey, discussing problems with a paper. Tim (portrayed by Brandon Rafalson) then enters and complains about how several results from an experiment went horribly wrong and he cannot tell why. Meanwhile, Courtney is helping a friend by giving him a few answers to a quiz. At the end of the skit, Dr. Helen Clark (played by Anoo Brod) has caught both Soo Jung and Courtney cheating and decides to bring them to the

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June 2013

bids go out for architecture firm

August 2013

architect is hired

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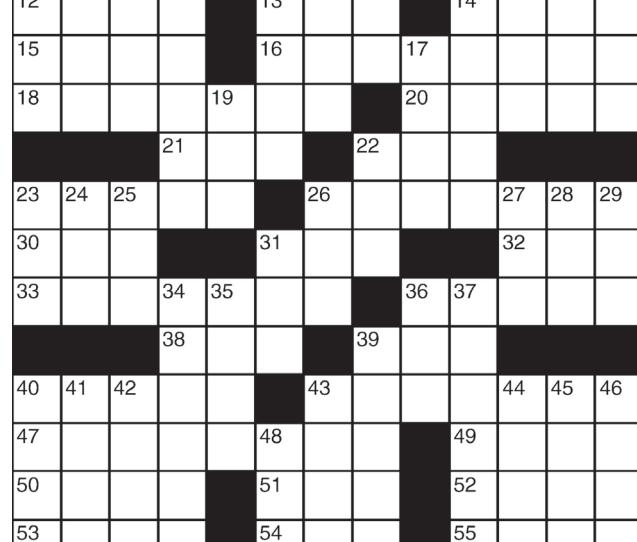
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To the guy on global warming, come at me, bro.

For The Win made me giggle like mad today. Good start to the morning! :D

Looks like we found the tree huggers on campus last week.

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Spring Game was worst driving experience around town ever. I can't wait 'til summer's here.

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Logan's Run | By Aaron Logan



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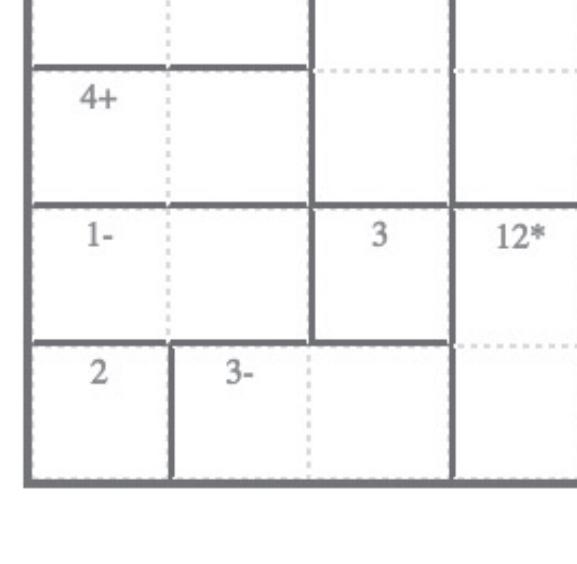
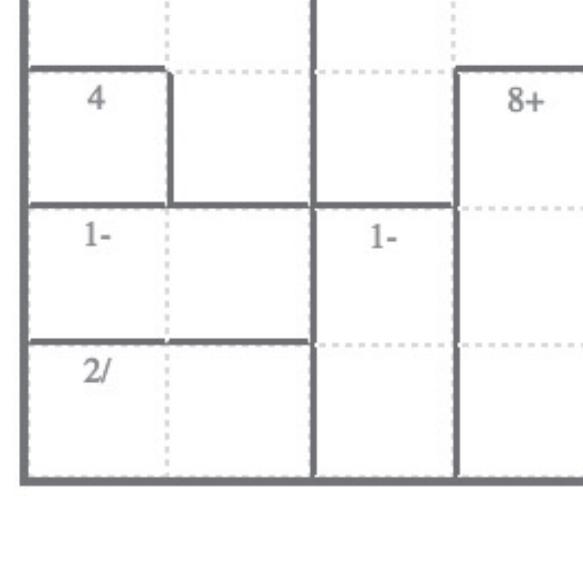
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ARREST REPORTS

Sunday, April 28

Bond was set at \$500.

Jermaine Leslie Miller, homeless, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Blake Ryan Arnold, of the 1200 block of Bertrand Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

Angela June Werry, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked for violation of protection orders and criminal trespassing. No bond was listed.

Clinton James Drake, of Emporia, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Robert Barry Adams, of Junction City, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

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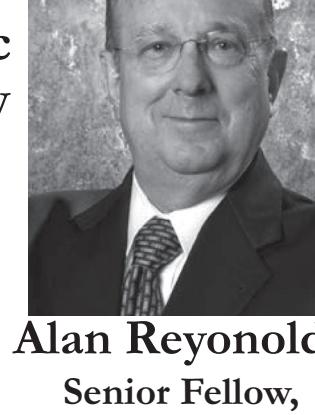
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NBA player's coming out a milestone



Laura Thacker

On Monday, Washington Wizards center Jason Collins announced that he is gay in a Sports Illustrated story that begins, "I'm a 34-year-old NBA center. I'm black. And I'm gay." These words are powerful, and I'm thrilled to see this happening.

He goes on to share his story, discussing why he chose to come out now and describing his experience of coming out to his family and his childhood. Collins explains that both the recent Boston Marathon bombing, which showed him the instability of the world, and his jealousy of a friend who participated in a gay pride parade made him realize that it was time for him to come out.

"I was proud of him for participating but angry that as a closeted gay man I couldn't even cheer my straight friend on as a spectator," Collins said in the article.

As the first professional male athlete to come out who is active in a major American team sport, Collins has shown bravery and initiative, and this is a monumental occasion. On April 17, Brittney Griner, former All-American center at Baylor who was recently drafted to the WNBA, also publicly acknowledged that she is gay, and this, along with Collins' article, suggests that we might be on the road to open dialogue and acceptance about homosexuality within sports.

As someone who has never been a huge sports fan, it was only by working at the Collegian for the past few years that I truly came to understand how close sports are to many peoples' hearts. I sincerely hope that fans will not only accept Collins, Griner and others like them, but embrace them. I hope they understand that an announcement like this takes just as much bravery and intensity as they take to

the court to play in front of thousands of people.

Collins and Griner have also started a dialogue among professional athletes and the media that wasn't open before. While the majority of the responses were positive, Mike Wallace, a receiver for the Miami Dolphins, tweeted, "All these beautiful women in the world and guys wanna mess with other guys SMH [shaking my head]," according to the LA Times.

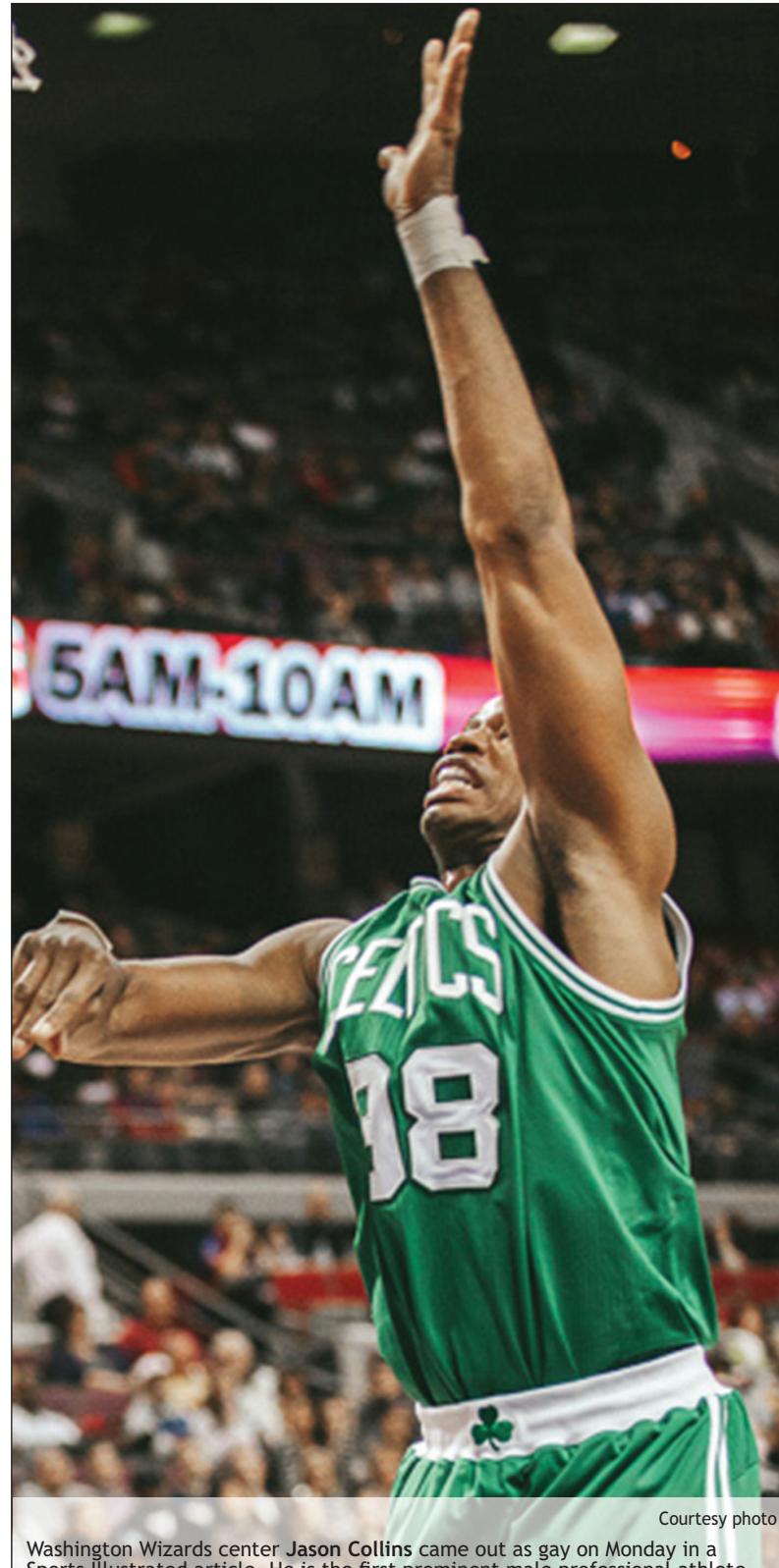
The article, written by Chuck Schilken, describes the tweet as "basically expressing general confusion over the concept of homosexuality." While Schilken seems to take on a sarcastic tone in the article, this statement is, to me, very poignant. Wallace, and many other professional athletes and fans, may feel extremely mystified by the topic, and while Wallace could have been more tactful, it's important to take his comment as a chance to open dialogue. Was Wallace in the right? No. Does his tweet bring up a legitimate issue? Yes.

As Collins said in the article, "I didn't set out to be the first openly gay athlete playing in a major American team sport. But since I am, I'm happy to start the conversation."

People need to take this invitation and run with it. When famous people come out of the closet, people often ask, "Why does it matter?" Collins' article makes it very clear that his sexual orientation is an extremely important part of his identity, just as sexuality is also important to the identify of straight folks.

This conversation is needed, and, as evidenced by the epidemic of suicides among gay teens (although I think the media coverage does not accurately portray the fact that this has been an issue for decades), high-profile role models are needed. I hope that this conversation will continue, and I sincerely hope that both Collins and Griner will inspire others to speak out about this subject.

Laura Thacker is a graduate student in English. Please send comments to sports@kstatecollegian.com.



Courtesy photo

Washington Wizards center Jason Collins came out as gay on Monday in a Sports Illustrated article. He is the first prominent male professional athlete to do so. Collins' statement follows WNBA player and former Big 12 women's basketball star Brittney Griner's April 17 acknowledgment that she is gay.

Two-minute drill

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

K-State football

Anthony Canale, the K-State kicker who hit 19 field goals for the Wildcats last season, has been signed as an undrafted free agent by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Canale tweeted Monday that he is "so grateful for the opportunity" with the Bucs, who finished tied for last in the NFC South with a 7-9 record. Canale will compete with veteran Connor Barth, who has made 84.2 percent of his kicks over his five-year career, four with the Buccaneers.

Canale becomes the 10th member of last year's Big 12 Championship team to reach an agreement with an NFL team. Linebacker Arthur Brown (Baltimore Ravens, 2nd round), wide receiver Chris Harper (Seattle Seahawks, fifth round), and fullback Braden Wilson (Kansas City Chiefs, sixth round) were selected in the draft, and seven others, including Canale, signed as undrafted free agents.

NBA

NBA center Jason Collins, currently a free agent, became the first openly gay active player in a major American team sport after writing a story for this week's Sports Illustrated.

Collins finished this season with the Washington Wizards after being traded from the Boston Celtics. He has averaged 3.6 points and 3.8 rebounds per game over a 10-year NBA career.

NFL

The New York Jets cut quarterback Tim Tebow on Monday after drafting West Virginia's Geno Smith in the second round, according to ESPN. Head coach Rex Ryan informed Tebow, one of the most high-profile players in the league, of the decision before the team's practice.

Since Tebow led the Denver Broncos to an improbable overtime playoff victory over the six-time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers in 2011, he has been released twice. Denver let Tebow go after signing future Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning before last season. He reached an agreement with the Jets shortly afterward and backed up Mark Sanchez last year.

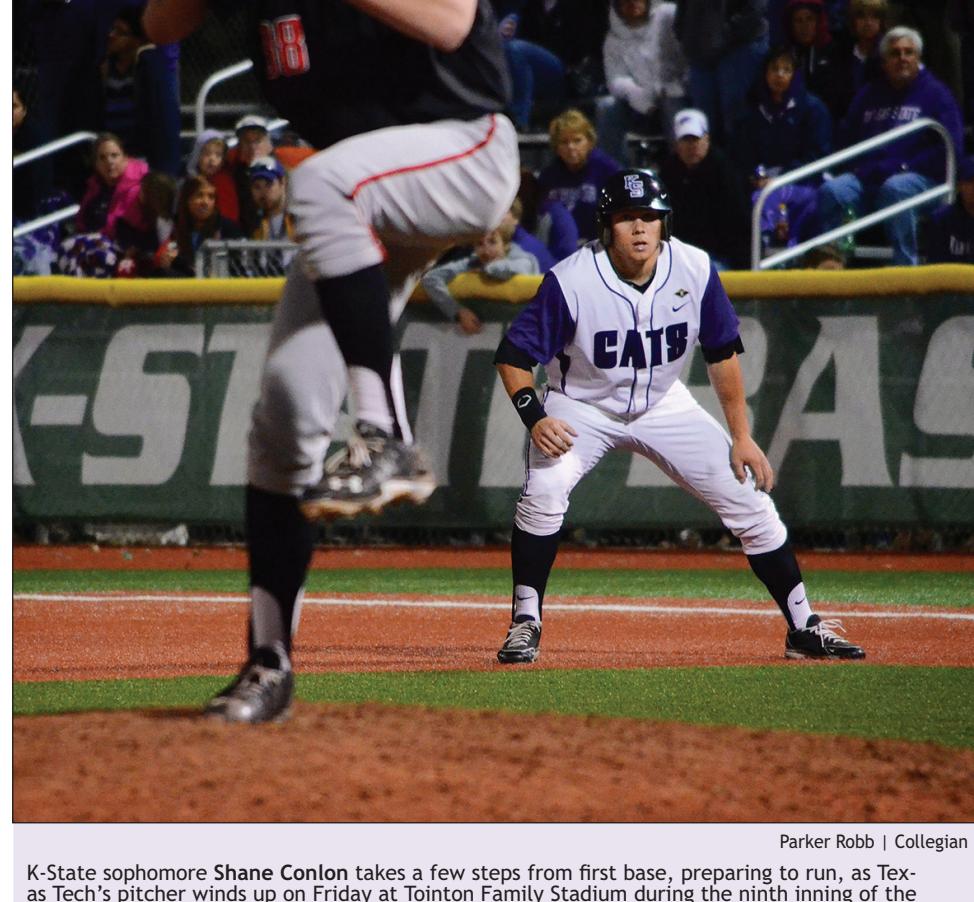
NCAA men's basketball

University of Miami point guard Shane Larkin has entered the NBA Draft, according to ESPN. Larkin led the Hurricanes to the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season and tournament championships in his sophomore year last year.

Larkin's decision leaves a question mark in the Hurricanes' backcourt next season. Miami has been rumored as a possible landing spot for K-State point guard Angel Rodriguez, who announced last week that he is transferring. Rodriguez, a native of Puerto Rico, said he wanted to play somewhere closer to home.

BASEBALL

Wildcats travel to Nebraska for final non-conference game against Creighton



K-State sophomore Shane Conlon takes a few steps from first base, preparing to run, as Texas Tech's pitcher winds up on Friday at Tointon Family Stadium during the ninth inning of the Wildcats' first game of the series against Texas Tech. The Wildcats defeated the Red Raiders in a walk-off victory, winning 6-5, and went on to win one more in the three-game series.

Sean Frye
staff writer

The K-State Wildcats baseball team will end its non-conference schedule for the season with a road game against the Creighton Blue Jays on Tuesday in Omaha, Neb.

The Wildcats, currently tied for third in the Big 12 standings and 31-14 overall on the season, are coming off a weekend series win over the TCU Horned Frogs, where they took two out of three games in Manhattan.

Sophomore Matt Wivin is slated to get the start on the mound for the Wildcats. Wivin is 6-1 on the season with a 4.65 ERA over 60 innings pitched.

For the Blue Jays, senior Taylor Elman will be the starting pitcher. Elman has only pitched 12.1 innings this year and has a 0-0 record.

Tuesday's game marks the beginning of a seven-game road trip that will last until May 17.

Road games have been problematic for the Wildcats this season. Going into the game against the Blue Jays, the Wild-

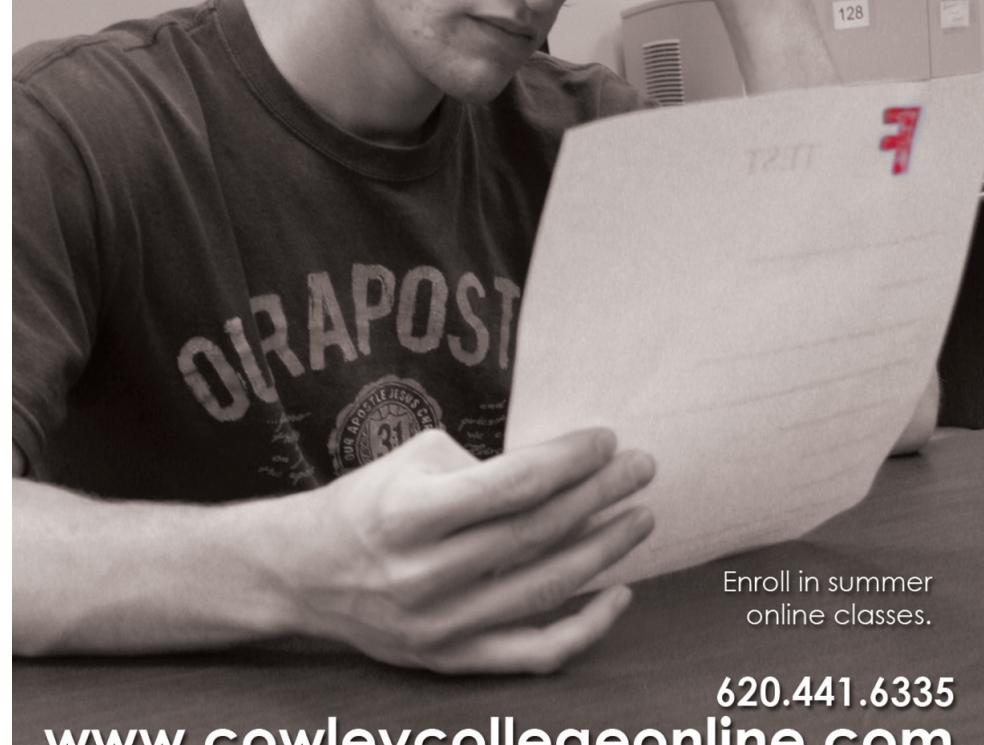
cats are 6-7 in true road games and a combined 9-8 in games considered to take place on the road or at a neutral site.

After Tuesday's tilt in Omaha, where the College World Series is played, the Wildcats will head to Austin, Texas, for the weekend to face the Texas Longhorns.

The Longhorns are dead last in the conference standings with a 5-13 record in Big 12 play. This week provides plenty of opportunities for the Wildcats to start the season's final push on a positive note.



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Christian ideals can contribute to acceptance of domestic violence



Charlotte Graham

Editor's note: Look for another perspective on this topic from columnist Ian Huyett later this week in the Collegian.

It's no secret that domestic violence is an issue in our country, although the way that no one talks about it wouldn't make you think so. One side of this particular issue concerns religion. Does having certain religious beliefs contribute to some spouses' decisions not to report abuse and thus continue suffering? The

short answer is yes. The long answer, however, is a little more involved.

I am specifically going to refer to Christian beliefs, as I grew up in a Christian home. The quality that all Christians must strive for is unconditional love. The ability to love your enemies as yourself without asking anything in return is essential, as is the concept of forgiveness. The idea is that everybody can be forgiven, regardless of his or her transgression. As long as they have faith in Jesus, all is forgiven if only they ask for it. This is all well and good, of course, until you look at it through the lens of domestic violence.

These basic beliefs force a practicing Christian to make excuses for their abusers. If

God forgives them, then why shouldn't I, right? God is almighty and if He thought that they didn't deserve another chance, He wouldn't have sent His son to die and make forgiveness possible, right?

The thing is, being arrested doesn't exactly count as a second chance. So, logically,

Christian victims are expected to forgive and love those who abuse them.

Humility is also a part of Christianity. A sermon I recently attended covered the idea of radical humility and how it is essential to Chris-

tians. Humility is defined as having a modest estimation of one's own importance or rank. "Radical humility" means having the mindset that everyone else is more important than you, that you are below everyone. Why

would someone who believes that they are less important have any reason to think that, even if they told someone about their suffering, they would be helped?

Another factor that influences Christian victims not to report their abuse has to do with the phrase "God has a plan." From those four little words sprouted the idea that "everything happens for a reason." While that is a huge piece of reassurance to some

people going through pain and tragedy, like the loss of a loved one or just a bad day at work, to the abused, it is just another factor in their silence.

If this is happening for a reason and God has a plan, then as long as I just endure for a little while longer, the problem will surely go away. Surely He will help me. However, nowhere does it say that God's plan is to solve humanity's problems with a flick of His finger. In fact, it's quite the opposite. The fact that following Jesus means being prepared for the hatred of other people and persecution at their hands is mentioned several times in the Bible, further alienating a "good Christian" from help of any kind.

The final nail in the coffin comes when the victim is married to the abuser. Wives are commanded to obey their husbands, to submit to them and to accept their authority. If the Bible, the very foundation upon which Christianity stands, condones the submission of wives to their husbands in such a way, then why would any Christian woman report her husband to the police?

In the same way, men are commanded to love and cherish their wives. Why would a loving husband report his wife for domestic abuse? Why would a man who is supposed to have a submissive wife that he is in control of report his wife's violence?

The problem, ladies and gentlemen, is that even though all of these things can be good — love, forgiveness and humility — at a certain point, you have to say "no more." Christianity never defines that point or even really acknowledges its existence. What it comes down to is that the interpretation of all of these Biblical passages leaves an abused believer at a loss with how to deal with their situation and they end up choosing the worst path — doing nothing.

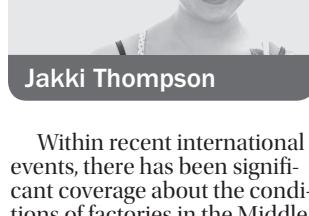
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Sweatshops violate human rights; American companies at fault



Jakki Thompson

Within recent international events, there has been significant coverage about the conditions of factories in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and southern Asia. Some of these factories, known as sweatshops, are owned by large, big-name brands from the United States which use a middle-man of sorts who owns and operates the factories. These sweatshops commit major human rights violations as well as disobey written laws of the nations they operate in and the written contracts between the workers and the factory owners.

Many people in the U.S. think that human rights violations in sweatshops are just something that happened in the past and no longer affect the U.S. population. Actually, it does directly affect this country. Big-name brands like Nike, Russell's and Adidas are some of the largest offenders of human rights violations throughout these sweatshops.

One example of these violations is locking people within the buildings and not allowing them to leave. Recently, there has been much international attention focused on factory fires in Indonesia and Pakistan that have killed literally hundreds of people. According to September 2012 New York Times article by Declan Walsh, "Fire ravaged a textile factory complex in the commercial hub of Karachi early Wednesday, killing almost 300 workers trapped behind locked doors and raising questions about the woeful lack of regulation in a vital sector of Pakistan's faltering economy."

This was just one fire, but it killed 300 people. More recently, according to an April 24 ABC News article by Matt Mosk, "An eight-story building

that housed four garment factories in the capital city of Bangladesh collapsed overnight, killing at least 87 workers, and adding to a rising death toll in a country where well-known American retailers pay dirt-poor wages to make clothing in factories with few of the basic safeguards that are standard in most of the developed world."

The building that collapsed in Bangladesh killed 87 people just a few days ago. This is still happening in the here and now. But these are just two examples. Two. According to a different article from ABC News also by Matthew Mosk on Jan. 27, "More than 700 workers have died in factory fires in the past five years. Two months ago, a ferocious blaze at a factory making clothes for major U.S. retailers killed an estimated 112 workers there."

None of these people were able to leave these buildings. They were locked in. Workers in the Pakistani Factory were alerted that the fire was in the building, but all of the exists in the building were locked off. In the instance of the Bangladesh fire, all of the exits were locked and workers were told to go back to work, even when the fire was just one floor below.

These factory owners work their employees literally to death. They will make these workers work 24 hour shifts without breaks. Factory owners don't pay for the supposed paid days of leave.

Something that strikes me time and time again is the lack of knowledge that this is still happening right here and right now in 2013. The reason our clothing is so cheap is because people in Bangladesh and Pakistan and India and Indonesia are being paid maybe 60 cents a day to make garments for people in developed countries like the U.S.

These are direct human rights violations. There are multiple articles within the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights that state this. Article 1 - "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." Article 5 - "No one shall be

subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." Article 23 - (2) "Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work," and (4) "Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his/her interests." Article 24 - "Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay." All of these are being violated in these sweatshops.

Time and time again, articles are released about the infractions happening in these factories, yet they are still happening. Change needs to come from within the domestic borders of the nations purchasing these garments. Change needs to come from an individual level. At the end of the day, people need to be aware that these heinous acts are still happening, even right now as you are reading this article.

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construction that the Union will undergo. Since the Union must remain functional to serve students and the offices that it holds it can not shut down completely. Therefore, the timeline for the project will be occurring in phases and will be more of an extended project.

"There is no definite timeline for completion since the architect hasn't been chosen yet," Brett Seidl, campaign manager for Your Union Campaign and junior in mass communications. "But hopefully construction will be beginning very soon."

That very soon date is hopefully Spring 2014, according to Schooley.

"Hopefully construction will begin in the spring of 2014 and from the estimates we have been hearing it will be finished in approximately five years," Schooley said. "So it will be done in 2019."

Unruh said that even though this may seem like a long way off the priority is to complete the project in a way that best serves students needs.

"We do want to make sure we do it efficiently and as quickly as possible but we also want to make sure we do it right," Unruh said.

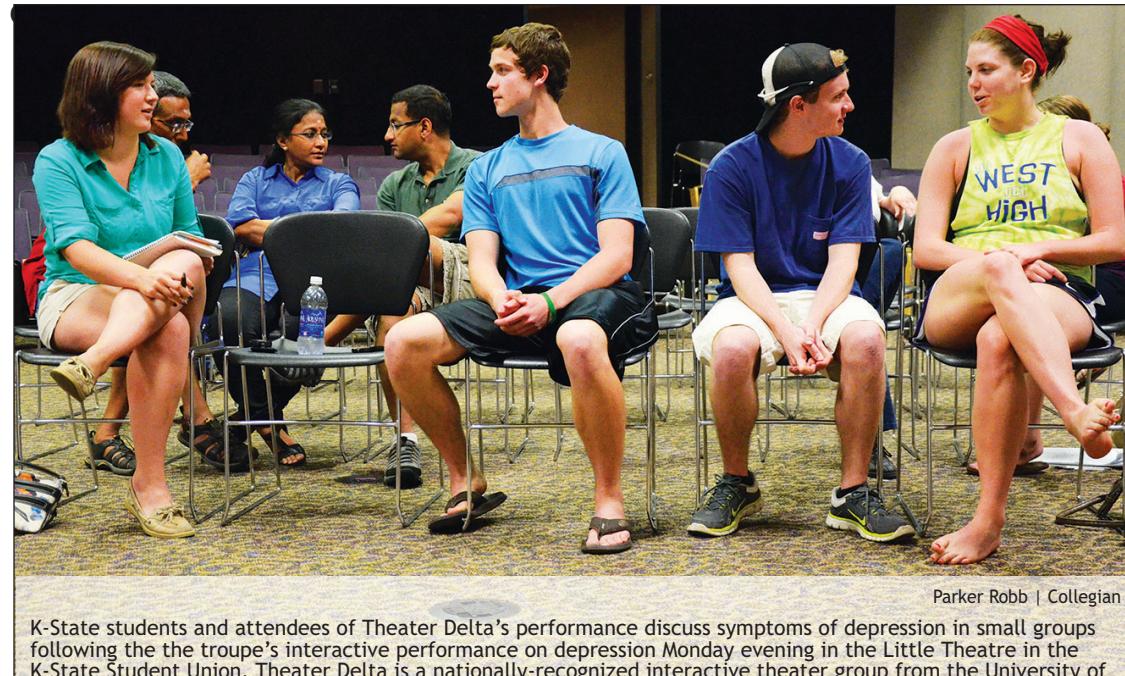
Since this is such a major addition and renovation to the K-State campus, there is a lot of excitement about what is going to be done to the building space.

"I am most excited about how the space is going to be used more efficiently for student organizations," said Carolyn Gatewood, senior in education. "It will be a lot more organized."

Theo Stavropoulos, senior in human resource management, said he is excited for the increase in services that will be offered after the renovations.

"There will be a lot more services available for students to use as well and that is something we should all be excited for," Stavropoulos said.

DELTA | Group encourages ethics discussion



K-State students and attendees of Theater Delta's performance discuss symptoms of depression in small groups following the troupe's interactive performance on depression Monday evening in the Little Theatre in the K-State Student Union. Theater Delta is a nationally-recognized interactive theater group from the University of North Carolina that advocates social change through interactive skits and performances.

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According to Rafalson, the actors spent a lot of time developing the background story for the characters and thinking of questions that the audience might ask.

However, none of the actors had ever found themselves in their characters' positions before joining the theater group.

"But I think I can relate to them," Rafalson said. "I understand wanting to get good grades, but also I should be completely honest."

After the skit, audience members were encouraged to ask the characters why they did what they did. The most common responses were "I was under a lot of stress" or "I didn't have time to finish it."

"We're here to explore these grey areas," Saypol said. "There are times when cheating is the right path, but in this situation you can't really draw the line between good and

bad."

After asking the characters their questions, audience members were then asked how they felt about the situation presented and what they would do. Many in the audience voiced the opinion that no matter what happened, having good ethics was most important.

Another key issue was communication between faculty and students.

"If you have questions, start the conversation early," Saypol said. "You can't stay in your bubble and be isolated. It's a two-way street."

Besides the students in the audience, several faculty members also voiced their opinions on the issues.

Peter Pfromm, professor of chemical engineering, has come across students in his classes who have clearly plagiarized or received unauthorized help.

"My approach is to reduce the

value of homework," Pfromm said. "I place more emphasis on in-class exams rather than homework because plagiarism isn't an issue there."

In the end, the audience agreed that time management was important in avoiding situations like these. Setting deadlines and hyper-scheduling were noted as among the most important things a student can do to avoid stress.

In addition to scheduling study time, students should also schedule down time to relax and take a break.

Finally, if the stress proves to be too much, students should talk to friends, faculty or the other various resources on campus, such as Counseling Services.

"I thought it was very thought-provoking," Pfromm said. "We got a lot of people from all over campus to talk and learn about issues students have."

BRIEFS | Obama talks Syrian threat

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wielding a knife attacked four choir members at a church in Albuquerque, N.M. on Sunday. The suspect, who reportedly charged the altar yelling "fake preacher," was wrestled to the ground by parishioners and faces numerous charges.

ABC reported that the man, named Lawrence Capener, was not a member of the church. According to a criminal complaint, Capener alleged that the choir leader was a Freemason. The four victims' injuries were not life-threatening.

Obama voices concerns about Syrian chemical weapons use to Russian president

According to the BBC, President Barack Obama had a phone conversation with Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Monday in which he voiced concerns over intelligence experts' suspicions of chemical weapon use by the Syrian government.

The U.S. said earlier that intelligence reports indicated "with varying degrees of confidence" that chemical weapons had been used. The Syrian government, under President Bashar al-Assad, has denied the claims.

President Obama promised a full investigation of the issue and said it would be a "game changer" if the reports prove to be true.

The two-year-old Syrian Civil War, which began with mass demonstrations against Assad's regime during the Arab Spring of 2011, has claimed more than 70,000 lives and scattered millions of refugees into bordering countries.

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Potters Guild connects with Kansans through food, art

Meagan Miller
contributing writer

The K-State Potters Guild is more than just an organization for young artisans. This group of ceramics enthusiasts also works to make meaningful connections with members of the community. On Sunday, the Potters Guild teamed up with residents of the Dwight, Kan., community for a collaborative potluck. Residents of Dwight and members of the Potters Guild met in Dwight, located about 30 miles south of Manhattan, at the local community building to share recipes and pottery dishes.

"Small communities are big on potlucks," said Gene Sievers, Potters Guild faculty adviser. "The residents of Dwight and the K-State Pottery Guild participants found common ground by collaborating for the potluck."

Community members picked their favorite food dishes and described them based on color, smell, texture, taste and quantity. They also included their personal story or relationship to the recipe. The potters then met and picked a recipe they connected with and created a special dish or bowl for the food to be served from at the potluck.

"I just picked a recipe and ended up

making a bowl for broccoli salad," said Ted Damman, senior in fine arts.

Ashley Padgett, graduate student in ceramics, said she chose a recipe for a Texas caviar salsa because she specializes in making bowls.

Before the potluck, Lance Kliewer, vice president-elect of the Potters Guild and senior in art education, said he was excited to try the dish he chose.

"I figured I could make a good bowl for the hot pineapple recipe," he said. "I haven't tried it, so I think it will be a good experience."

Kliewer said all the recipes seemed very homey and meaningful to the people who contributed them.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of their tradition," Kliewer said.

About 20 guild members participated, along with three other students who are not in the art department. Around 20 people from Dwight attended.

Lauren Karle, president of the K-State Potters Guild and graduate student in ceramics, said the potluck was like a design challenge for the potters. Karle, who was in charge of the event, said it held special meaning to participants.

"It was great to see strangers coming together to share a meal," Karle said. "To me, sharing a meal is

important because food is our source of energy and life."

Dwight residents also seemed pleased with the event's outcome. Bessie Lighthall, Dwight resident and participant, contributed the recipe for her layered Mexican dip, then Karle made the dishes for Lighthall's recipe.

"I was quite impressed with the serving dishes," Lighthall said. "They made me a flat dish plus a bowl for the chips."

Lighthall said she chose the dip in memory of her daughter, Jean Gayle Malone, who always brought it to family dinners. Lighthall has been a resident of the Greater Dwight area since 1962 and said the Dwight community is pretty close-knit.

Lighthall also said that she enjoyed all of the dishes and struggled to decide which was her favorite.

"I liked the meatballs and the potato casseroles," she said. "There were so many different sizes, ideas and colors."

The idea for event originated when artist Michael Strand came from North Dakota State University to speak to the K-State Potters Guild. His idea, called ArtStimulus, included a "cup drop," which involves making one cup for each residence in the community. The Potters Guild created 145 cups for

the 145 residences in Dwight, Kan., and left one on each doorstep along with contact information.

At least one resident emailed the group back after receiving her cup, accomplishing the group's goal of creating connections between people who were otherwise unlikely to meet. The cup drop successfully brought the two groups together for this potluck.

Besides participating in community events, the Potters Guild meets about eight times a year and holds other events and fundraisers on campus. This year, members held a Clay Stomp to make clay for students to use all year. They will be holding a Spring Pottery Sale from May 1 to May 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the K-State Student Union. They are also having another Clay Stomp next fall.

Sievers, who is the group's current adviser, said that in 1978, the Potters Guild became specific to ceramics.

"Originally, it wasn't specifically a pottery guild," Sievers said. "In 1974, it was a whoever wanted to sell anything in front of West Stadium's guild."

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